

CITY OF LAS VEGAS
ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2001
(Open Meeting)

The Meeting of the Ethics Review Board was called to order by Chair Earle W. White, Jr. at 1:33 p.m. in the 8th Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 400 Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earle W. White, Jr., Chair
Robert Fleming, Vice Chair
Danae Adams
Eileen Brookman
Louis Johnson
Linda Young

STAFF PRESENT: William Henry, City of Las Vegas Senior Litigation Counsel
Barbara Jo (Roni) Ronemus, City Clerk
Linda Owens, Deputy City Clerk

Board members were identified for the record.

City Clerk Barbara Jo (Roni) Ronemus noted that the meeting was properly noticed and posted in accordance with N.R.S. 241.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2001 AND AUGUST 29, 2001 MEETINGS.

Motions were made by Robert Fleming, and seconded by Eileen Brookman, to approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2001 and August 29, 2001 meetings that had been previously provided to the members. Both motions carried unanimously.

V. BUSINESS (OPEN MEETING)

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS.

Chair White commented on the expansion of the Board from five members to seven members and the ability of each member of the City Council to appoint a member of this Board. He invited each new member to make some comments about themselves.

Danae Adams advised that she has lived in Las Vegas off and on since 1977 and attended Basic High School before obtaining her degree in public administration at the University of Southern California. She attended law school at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Thereafter, she clerked with Nevada Supreme Court Justice Springer and worked for the City of Las Vegas as a Deputy City Attorney for two years. For the past six years she has been a criminal prosecutor with the District Attorney's office.

Louis Johnson stated that he moved to Las Vegas from Culver City, California in 1994 following the January earthquake. After retiring from the Veterans Administration for the Government, and at the time of his departure from California, he was serving on the Culver City Civil Service Commission. He became ill shortly after arriving in Las Vegas and required back surgery. From 1997 through January 2001, he served as a Trustee on the City of Las Vegas Civil Service Board. Throughout his service on the Civil

Service Board, and using teleconferencing from his hospital bed, he never missed a meeting. He looks forward to serving on this Board and learning as he does so.

Chair White welcomed both new members and noted that they will be great additions to the existing Board. He commented that most of the existing members have served for some time and Member Eileen Brookman suggested that the existing members introduce themselves to the new members.

Member Brookman explained that she has lived in Las Vegas for about 50 years, built their house about 40 years ago near St. Ann's and the Jewish Community Center, which subsequently moved to Summerlin. She formerly served as a State Legislator from District 9. She has served on the City's Ethics Board since its inception in 1992. She has served on many committees with the State, County, and City and is still endeavors to do good things. She welcomed the new members.

Member Linda Young, originally from Dayton, Ohio, moved to Las Vegas in 1976 after obtaining her undergraduate and masters degrees at the University of Dayton. Her doctorate degree is from Northern Arizona University. She is a career educator and has held a number of positions, including positions with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

Member Robert Fleming stated that he has been a Las Vegas resident since birth. His family came to Las Vegas in about 1929. He attended Bishop Gorman High School and UNLV. He owned a first-aid supply business until September 2000 when he sold the business, but has been retained by the new owner to run the business now called Select First Aid. He and Member Brookman have served on the Board since its inception. He is actively involved with Little League, acting as the District Administrator for the past 15 years.

Chair White concluded that he attended Howard University for his undergraduate degree and law school. He was formerly a judge, enjoys fishing and owns a boat.

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B. GENERAL DISCUSSION.

Member Robert Fleming questioned the remaining appointment to the Board. City Clerk Ronemus responded that the item is on the November 7, 2001 City Council agenda. Chair White pointed out that the remaining appointment is to be made by Councilman Mack and the Board will be complete for its December meeting. Member Robert Fleming advised that the Board meets every other month. Chair White added that the backlog of issues was cleared up and the Board meets every other month with the ability to call additional meetings as necessary.

Member Eileen Brookman requested that the secretary for the Board send a letter to Ida Gaines thanking her for her service and complimenting her on her long and faithful service. Member Danae Adams verified with City Clerk Ronemus that a certificate is provided by the Mayor's office, thanking Board members who have served. Chair White and Member Eileen Brookman stressed that the recognition should be given from this Board as well.

Member Robert Fleming established that there were no other pending matters before the Board at this time.

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VI. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: Items raised under this portion of the Agenda cannot be acted upon until the notice provisions of the Open Meeting Law have been complied with. Therefore, action on such items will have to be considered at a later time.

NONE

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VII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Robert Fleming, and seconded by Eileen Brookman, to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Owens, Deputy City Clerk